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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated July 16, 2002, the Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-19, with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that it is believed that a single search and examination covering all claims would not place undue burden on the Examiner.

The Applicants further elect the "metal oxide" species, with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that it is believed that a search and examination of all claims would not place undue burden on the Examiner. The Patent Office requests that the Applicants list all claims readable on the elected species. The following claims appear to form a group commensurate with the species for search and examination purposes only: 1-5, 7-13, and 15-19. Claims other than those listed here may also be relevant to this species in certain cases.

A first and favorable Office Action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative

would expedite prosecute, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Please charge any fee or fee deficiency occasioned by this response to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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